

Goldwater Defends CIA Role But Attacks Aid to 'Socialism'

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Barry Goldwater says the Central Intelligence Agency worked "to finance socialism in America."

And Michael Wood, the former National Student Association official who disclosed its ties with the CIA, says the spy agency once threatened to discredit an NSA official by forging psychiatric records.

These are the latest charges against the CIA growing out of the 2-week-old clamor over its financing of private organizations.

Goldwater said yesterday he saw nothing wrong with the CIA operations except that all the money went to "left wing organizations."

"Why didn't they spread this money around," he asked. "In other words, what they have been doing with it, as far as I can see, is to finance socialism in America."

The former senator and 1964 GOP presidential nominee said on CBS television that "a little money could have gone to the Young Republicans, the Young Americans for Freedom, to some conservative groups."

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Sen. Joseph S. Clark, D-Pa., agreed separately that most of the money went to left-of-center groups. "It is just as bad to subsidize left-of-center groups as it is to subsidize right-of-center groups," he said.

A former CIA deputy director, Robert Amory Jr., said the agency "was nothing but the instrument of the United States government, a professional organization doing the work of our constituted authorities."

He called the disclosures a tempest in a teapot and said, "we can't get out of the political action business in today's world."

He also said news media investigating and publicizing other CIA operations destroy "an important part of the security fabric." They "might just as well be in the business of scuttling carriers in the Tonkin Gulf," he said.

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the agency's activities is "destroying an important part of the nation's . . . security," he said.

Amory indicated there were still many private organizations and groups receiving financial aid from the agency. He said that disclosing them could go on and on "like unraveling a sweater."

He defended the CIA subsidization of NSA and similar organizations as necessary to counter extensive Communist penetration of youth groups around the world.

Wood, former NSA director of development in charge of fund raising, refused for "obvious

personal reasons" to be specific about the CIA's alleged threat to forge psychiatric records.

Wood said the CIA wanted to keep the threatened official from divulging anything about the agency.

"There were immense pressures exerted on me but by no one whom I wasn't already conversant with, with respect to the CIA," he added.

"There were pressures placed on other people in attempts to try to get lawyers to drop cases, attempts to get lawyers to feed CIA lines to their clients, threats to forge psychiatric records," he said on ABC TV.

Wood said if the United States "is going to be engaged in a world struggle of ideas, I think we have to compete on our own terms which means that we have to be true to our own values, by using an open, democratic public society, as opposed to any sort of society that practices totalitarianism, or restrictions on people's freedoms."

"The argument that the Communists use the same sorts of techniques to wage an international struggle doesn't wash, in my mind. If you accept their rules, you play their game, then you simply bow to their values."